Camp By The Numbers

• Founded in 2003
• First Learning Lab in 2007
• To date, we have provided training for more than 320 educators and served more than 305 individuals with autism
Doing “What Works”
APPLIED BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS - THE BASICS

• Understanding (and modifying) behavior in the context of environment is the basis for ABA therapies.
• ABA uses **positive reinforcement** in a way that can be measured in order to bring about meaningful behavior change.
• **Verbal Behavior** motivates a child, teen, or adult to learn language by connecting words with their purposes.
• **Natural Environment Teaching** (NET) is used at camp to teach targets. NET is teaching away from the table.
• Camp focuses on the main skill deficits for most with autism: **Communication and Social Skills**

Intro to ABA video
Created by the Autism Center at Sacred Heart
COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

The Studer Family Children’s Hospital at Sacred Heart

Ascension

The School District of Escambia County

Capstone Adaptive Learning & Therapy Centers, Inc.
OUR PROGRAMS

Preschool - Elementary

• PreK campus @ Capstone Academy – serves ages 2-3; uses Early Start Denver Model programming

• Elementary campus @ Holm – serves ages 4-12 – works primarily on communication and social skills, following the VB-MAPP

Middle school – Young Adults

• Young Teens – serves ages 12-15 - works heavily on social skills and daily living skills, as well as early job skills.

• JTP Teens – serves ages 16-19 - works on social communication, job skills and daily living skills.

• Community Life Skills Program – serves young adults through age 25 - community-based programming
IMPORTANT DATES FOR CAMP

Kids for Camp runs June 12 through July 17

- No camp on Fridays
- No camp on July 4th

**Full Camp – 20 Days of Camp**
June 12\(^{\text{th}}\) through July 17\(^{\text{th}}\)

or

**1\(^{\text{st}}\) ½ of camp – 10 Days of Camp**
June 12\(^{\text{th}}\) to June 27\(^{\text{th}}\)

**2\(^{\text{nd}}\) ½ of camp – 10 Days of Camp**
July 1\(^{\text{st}}\) to July 17\(^{\text{th}}\)
Best practice ABA techniques
Parent partners Santa Rosa
Summer progress JTP Teacher/Student ratio
Job training experiences CLS
Volunteer kids for camp Training success
Collaboration partnership Escambia schools Capstone
Field trips Full day program Sacred Heart
Holm
Applications due by March 5

Complete Packet includes ...
1. Application form
2. Verification of autism diagnosis
3. IEP, Behavior plan from ABA therapist
4. Current membership in Autism Pensacola
5. Application fee - per application submitted
6. Financial aid documentation

Application Process Guidelines

The application process steps:
1. Completed camper application received
2. Pre-camp mini skills assessment (required for all new applicants)
3. Follow up meeting with camp leadership staff
Tuition Rates

- Pre-K Campus –
  - 20-day camp option: $1500 per camper
  - 10-day camp option: $850 per camper

- All other campuses –
  - 20-day camp option: $1700 per camper
  - 10-day camp option: $950 per camper

Additional financial aid may be offered through Autism Pensacola, but amount varies each year based on fundraising results.
Documentation for Financial Aid

- Preferred - Front page of MOST RECENT processed tax return with Social Security Numbers blacked out. (Tax return must include child named above as dependent on taxes)
- Proof child receives SSI
- Proof child receives Free/Reduced lunch
- Proof of SNAP benefits/Medicaid benefits

Example of the front page of a tax return

Submitted tax document must include child with autism

Page must include Adjusted Gross Income
OPTIONAL PROGRAMS

**Typical Siblings and Friends**
* (Elementary Peers)  
  - For ages 6 to 12  
  - Reverse-inclusion opportunity  
  - One-week commitment  
  - Fee for program

**Extended Care**  
  - Before and after care for campers and elementary peers  
  - Only available at Holm campus and Washington campus  
  - Fee to participate
Teen Peer Details

• Must be between the ages of 12 to 18 (or completion of high school)
• Commit to attend one week of camp
• Free to participate
• Earn volunteer hours
1. We need your passion!

2. Meeting people and having fun are good reasons to volunteer.

3. You want to give back to an organization that has impacted your life.

4. You want to make a difference in the autism community

5. It’s a great excuse to socialize
Families will be notified by mid-April of camp acceptance

- Enrollment form
- Tuition statement
- Optional programs forms

- All enrollment paperwork must be submitted by April 26
FINAL REMINDERS

✓ Application deadline is Mar. 5
✓ Applications available online and in the office
✓ Submit all paperwork and payments by deadlines
✓ Volunteer time can be earned now! Email the office to get involved

Questions?
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